

A SAFE PLACE

A Safe Place has been providing Free and Confidential Domestic Violence Support Services for 34 years. The Portsmouth, Rochester, Salem and Shelter sites of *A Safe Place* provide 365 days a year, 24-hour Emergency Shelter and Hotline Services, as well as a range of support services to victims of domestic abuse in the 48 cities and towns of Rockingham and Strafford Counties. We do not receive any 3rd party payments for our services.

As advocates, we work with our service users to prepare a safety plan and refer them if needed, to our undisclosed 24-hour emergency shelter. We also assist our service users in obtaining both Temporary and Permanent Restraining Orders and accompany them to courts and police stations to do so. We provide 1 on 1, in-person and 24 hour telephone crisis counseling as well as on-going support groups. All sites assist our service users with access to legal and social services and transportation and / or accompaniment to related appointments and emergency rooms, if needed. Each site has the ability to give direct financial assistance to victims in the form of modest gift certificates from grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, department stores, pre-paid phone cards, and locksmith costs to change their locks for safety. We also provide clothing and toiletries; household items and other needed items.

Our advocates understand both the emotional and physical toll it takes on the victim, their families, as well as the community. It is critical that we maintain the ability to respond via direct services to the residents of Newton that seek both our emergency and long term services. Our presence in Newton has been critical over the years in serving populations that face abuse no matter what their age, economic status, or gender.

From July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012, A Safe Place served 7 people as well as 4 dependent children from Newton, giving 20 units of service (each unit of service represents 15 minutes of time). We also provided educational presentations to students in both middle and high school in order to help youth learn to develop healthy teen relationships.

We wish to continue to offer refuge, support and other services to the residents of Newton, especially during these hard economic times when there is a rise in Domestic Violence. We hope you will continue to join us in breaking the cycle of violence. (Telephone: 800-854-3552)

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Coombs
Finance Manager

AREA HOMECARE & FAMILY SERVICES, INC.

Area HomeCare & Family Services has been providing home care services to low-income Newton elderly and people with disabilities since 1972.

In our fiscal year 2012, we served 12 elderly Newton residents. In the past five years we have provided over 7,000 hours of direct service to help keep our Newton clients in their homes. Your contribution is an important part of fundraising effort. We are also pleased to employ two Newton residents as home care providers.

Our mission is to provide homecare services and companionship to help the elderly of Newton stay in their homes for as long as they can. We are a part of a system of community-based care for our elderly and people with chronic illness.

If you know of an elderly person who needs assistance in daily home care tasks, please call us. We will have some of our brochures in your Town offices.

Our **Project Cool Air** is a program that buys air conditioners for low-income elderly and is available to Newton elderly or people with disabilities. Please call for information on this program.

We look forward to a continued partnership with Newton. (Telephone: 603-436-9059 ext. 1)

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon McCollester, CEO

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY (CACRC)

The Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County (CACRC) provides a safe environment for the evaluation of alleged physical and sexual abuse for children 3 to 18 years of age. We coordinate public, private and community partners to ensure that the safety, health and well-being of abused children come first. Since opening our doors in January of 2000, we have provided professional services to over 4,300+ children and their families at no cost to them or taxpayers. How much a society values its children can be measured by how well they are treated and protected.

Newton Statistics: Number of Newton children interviewed at the CACRC in 2012 = 2.

Billing for Newton residents to insurance, Medicare or individuals = None.

Dollars received from Rockingham County or the State of New Hampshire in 2012 = None.

Savings to the Town of Newton since 2009 = \$27,000.

It's our nature to take care of children, and helping protect them from abuse has become a critical service of our time. Thank you for your continued support. (Telephone: 603-442-8240)

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Sullivan, MBA
Executive Director